GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4810
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DIRECT SUBSIDY TO BPL FAMILIES
Azmi Shri Iliyas

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had directed the State Governments to provide direct subsidy to Below Poverty Line (BPL) and Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) beneficiaries to check corruption in Public Distribution System (PDS);

(b) if so, the details thereof and reaction of the States thereto;

(c) whether any action plan has been received from the Government of Uttar Pradesh for implementation of the said scheme;

(d) if so, the details thereof and reaction of the Government thereto; and

(e) the reasons for delay in implementation of the said scheme?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a) & (b): No, Sir.

(c), (d) & (e): The State Government of Uttar Pradesh has submitted a proposal to grant cash food subsidy to the BPL/AAY families in lieu of distribution of foodgrains in two districts viz. Hardoi and Lakhimpur Kheri on a pilot basis. This issue was also discussed in a meeting of the Union Food Secretary with State/UT Food Secretaries on 8.2.2008 in Hyderabad and three other States viz. Delhi, Haryana and Punjab have shown interest in the above pilot scheme under consideration. The formal proposals from these State Governments are awaited.